

REMARKS

The Office Action dated September 24, 2003 has been received and carefully noted. The preceding amendments and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claims 10-15 have been canceled.

In paragraphs 1 to 3, the Office restricts the invention into Group I, claims 1-9 and 15, and Group II, claims 10-14.

Applicants confirm the constructive election of and elect herewith, without traverse, the invention of group 1, claims 1-9 and 15.

In paragraphs 4 and 5, the Office finds claims 1-9 allowable.

In paragraphs 6 and 7, the Office rejects claim 15 provisionally under the judiciary created doctrine of obvious type double patenting over claims 1 and 2 of copending application No. 10/088,082.

This rejection is moot in view of applicants' cancellation of claim 15.

Amendment to the specification

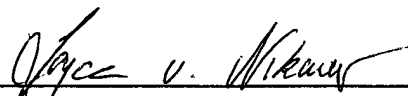
The specification was amended to include a benefit claim to the prior filed international application No. PCT/JP01/06219, filed July 18, 2001 to bring the

specification in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.78.

This priority claim was made in the inventor's declaration filed on March 15, 2002 and was recognized in the filing receipt mailed June 6, 2002 as well as in the Office Action dated March 31, 2003. Applicants submit this amendment in accordance with OG Notice of January 22, 2002, which approves of the entry of such an amendment under the circumstances specified without petition. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted,



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